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25X1 1. [REDACTED] the land reform program in several districts of southern Hunan had entered the re-inspection stage. Undesirable elements from all walks of life were rounded up on a large scale in the cities and villages, and remaining landlords were dispossessed. In Hengyang (N 26-56, E 112-35) a Chinese Communist newspaper reported that more than 1,500 persons had been arrested in one hsien in the area during this campaign and were being detained by ch'u authorities who were waiting for some method of punishment to be devised.<sup>1</sup>

25X1 2. [REDACTED] there were about 500 to 600<sup>2</sup> foreign missionaries and their dependents in Hunan, with British nationals making up the majority. Foreign missionaries were detained in the Hsin Min Middle School in Hengyang prior to being expelled from Communist China.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] Hunan trade authorities resumed the system under which travelling merchants' certificates were issued<sup>3</sup> and merchants were encouraged to ship native products for export to obtain foreign exchange.

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] 2,500 dispossessed landlords and other persons in West Hunan were moved to Sikang

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25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. This figure is probably excessive.

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